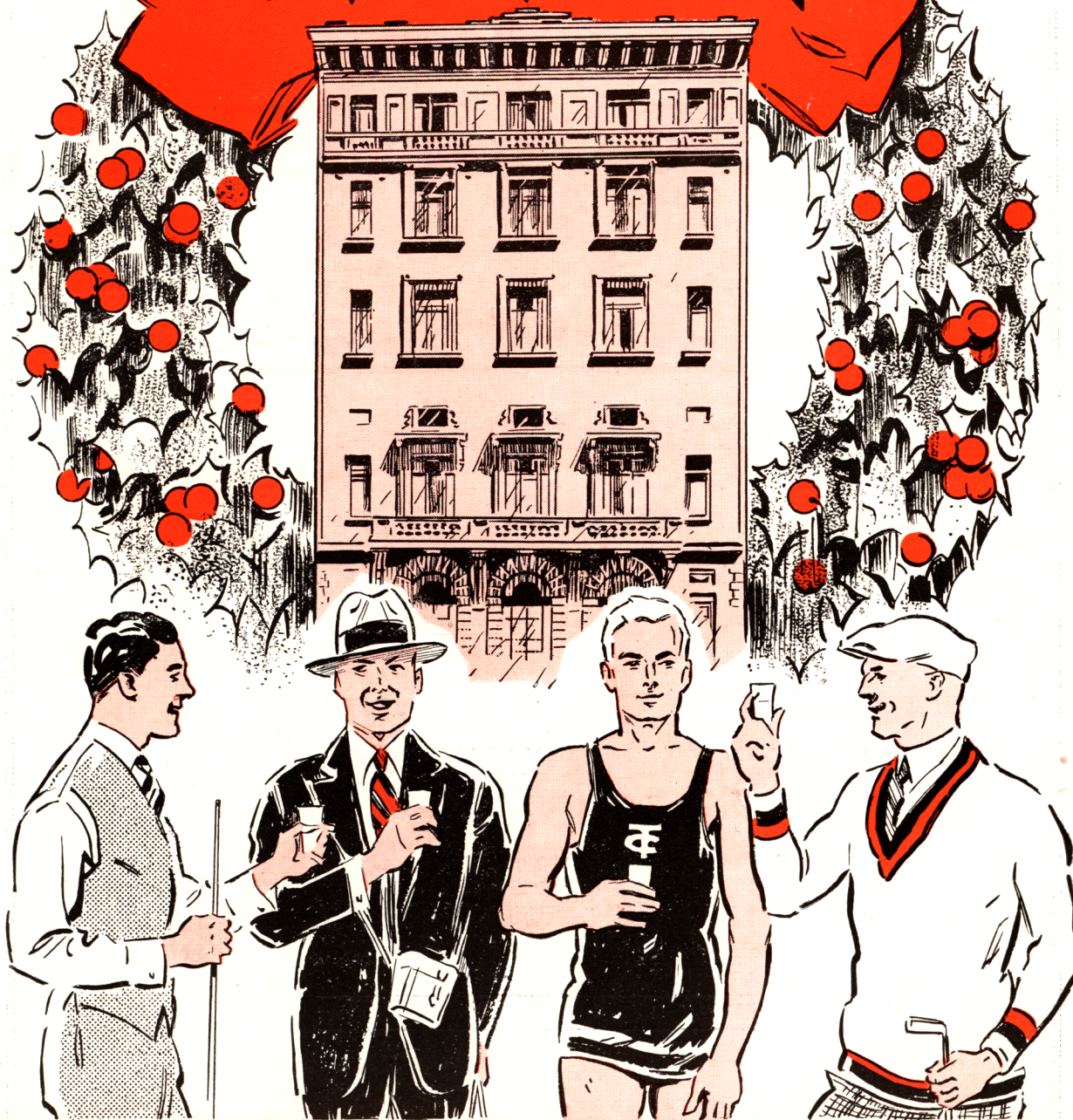


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The Club Man's Diary

Addressed from Madras.

WE have received a picture card from Mr. Luther Steger, bearing a Madras postmark. He mentions nothing about curry—which is believed to be the principal industry of that part—but things apparently are very hot. The picture on the card shows a Ghandi-looking person in a loin-cloth driving a goat, which looks about as fast as some saddled up at Randwick.

Admiral Among Us.

ADMIRAL SIR GUY GAUNT, from Morocco—the land where Sheiks and handbags (which generally go together on week-ends) are the primary industries—is an honorary member of the Club. An Australian, son of Mr. Justice Gaunt, of Melbourne—a town on the border of N.S.W.—the Admiral is a breezy personality; in all, a jolly good fellow, who has done his native land great credit.

(P.S.—We need a little credit abroad—personal, as well as financial.)

His Breezy Yarn.

ADMIRAL GAUNT, like all sailors, tells a good story. One about a fellow he met casually in Pitt Street intrigues us. "Well, if it isn't Guy Gaunt!" the stranger said cordially. "Gaunt is my name," retorted the Admiral in true quarter-deck fashion. "I know your father," the fellow came back. "So glad to meet any one acquainted with the pater," Admiral Gaunt assured him. "Yes," said the man. "I knew you dad very well; very well indeed—he once gave me six months "

Goody-bye—Good Luck!

SO we're going to lose old friend Ted Henkel, though—the gay little gods be praised—only temporarily. When we see Ted charming music out of an orchestra, it looks simple, so simple, that we are inclined to think that the man waving the magic wand can go on for ever without a spell. That isn't so. Wisely, after an extended season, fraught with triumphs, Ted Henkel has decided to go back to U.S.A. on a tour recuperative and recreational, whereon he will have an opportunity to re-charge his colour-batteries. Good luck to this good fellow.

"The Lure of Gold."

WE are snug in an easy club chair, reading a romance, "The Lure of Gold." "What do you think of this?" we say to the chap opposite, quoting a passage: "... and there before the eyes of the lucky prospectors stretched a seam of the precious metal, gleaming." Probably he will say: "Wonderful! That's the way to make a fortune." But if he happens to be Mr. W. G. Royal, lately returned from the wilds of the New Guinea goldfields, he may want to bet that that author has never seen gold outside of the vaults of a bank. How the men up against the stern realities of the game must chuckle over these arm-chair visions!

Punster at Large.

WE won't mention his name, but he was lucky to escape with his life after perpetrating that pun. After Mr. H. G. (Tony) Wood and Mr. Norman Aitken had concluded their items at the smoke concert on December 2, the unfeeling fellow, callous to the

sensibilities of those about him, cried: "Hear! Hear! We ought to pay for that!" The joke was intended to be a play on Autopay, of whom the artists are joint owners. We can forgive this sort of thing only once.

The Star Turn.

WITHOUT taking from the glamour of other artists, it is honest to say that the songs of Mr. Wood provided the star turn, notwithstanding the romantic later rivalry of Mr. Romano.

No "Depression" Here.

IF we all possessed the magic displayed by Professor Little at the smoke concert on December 2, paying out would prove pleasant business, as the air would be our mint. Likewise, we might sit down confidently to a game of broads in the hardest school. For confirmation of these marvels we refer the doubters to Messrs. Charlie Hall and Alf Kennedy, who have not yet discovered the mystery of the missing cards. We think that Professor Little would go big as Federal Treasurer or something.

Like a Tonic.

MR. ISAAC STAGG, in hospital, quaffed an invigorating draught the other week; one not prescribed by the doctor. News broke in upon his solitude that



In Tropic Seas.

his speedy colt, Renowned, had won at Moorefield in record time for the five furlongs. Renowned had just failed to get there at previous starts, but this time he justified the faith of his sporting owner. Glad news to Club members is that our friend is well on the road to recovery.

Annual Race Meeting.

BIG events at the Club's annual meeting on December 30 and January 1 will be the Carrington Stakes on the first day and Tattersall's Club Cup—which dates back to 1858—on the second day. We look for attendances at this meeting more reminiscent of the old days, as things have at last taken a turn for the better.

Weight for a Champion.

BY the way, Mr. Leslie Barnett's old champion, Greenline—best of the Greensteads—has been awarded place of honour in the Carrington Stakes with a weight of 10.5. There is no more eloquent declaration of a horse's quality than the handicapper's "little tribute."



Happy Personality.

FAMILIAR figure at our smoke concerts is Mr. A. E. (Doggie) Wallis, whose other Club affection is the Royal Automobile, in which he is chairman of the House Committee; an onerous post, as anybody associated with club management well knows. When in doubt "refer to the House Committee."

Long Time Between—

WHY is it that some members leave it so long between smoke concerts? You will hear them proclaim: "Wonderful night! . . . Should have more of them." . . . "Here's happy days!" . . . "The night's still young!" . . . and so forth. Then they give the next affair, and possibly the next, a miss. Surely, surely, this is absent-mindedness. Some explanation is needed—if explanations prove not a little embarrassing.

A Good Man Gone.

DEATH showed poor discrimination when recently it picked on friendly Jack Grisdale, for so many years secretary to the Newcastle Jockey Club. We who met him at Randwick a little while previously, and conversed about the triumphs of Tibbie—the best he owned—believed Jack to be then in the best of health. But even then the shadow had fallen across his path; a shadow which deepens only to be dissipated across the valley.

His Old Pal.

ONE of the many who will miss Jack Grisdale is Mr. J. G. Cameron, large-hearted Northern sportsman and associated with Newcastle Jockey Club for many years. You would generally find the pair together at Randwick, and many the "good thing" they passed on to this writer.

Making a Speech.

HOW many men can make what is called a speech? Very few—professionals and amateurs. They forget that the art is not in straining for effect, of groping for words, and more words, but in conversing with an audience as you would with an individual—having something to say and saying it; starting with a subject, ending with an object, grammatically and otherwise. The speech that measured up best to those essentials, in recent gatherings attended by the writer, was that of Mr. Dan Carroll, greeting his guests at a private screening of "An American Tragedy" in the Prince Edward Theatre; explaining to them the theme of this powerful talkie.

A Sporting Gift.

MR. DAVID CRAIG will present in the New Year a trophy for competition in the inter-club games. These are promoting good fellowship, improving the club spirit, and liberalising outlook on a common foundation. As well as it is nice to meet the other fellow, very often we can learn something from him. Mr. Craig's sporting gift is, therefore, wisely designed.



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Club Sportsmen who have Crossed The Divide

A Loss to Racing

It was with regret that a large number of friends within the Club and in wider sporting circles received the news of the death of Mr. Frank J. Marsden, one of Randwick's most prominent trainers.

Over a long period of years, during which he trained one of the most extensive teams at headquarters, Mr. Marsden had earned the respect and friendship of Club members with his genial good-fellowship and his frank utterances concerning the prospects of his own horses.

Mr. Marsden had a vast experience of the Turf. He rode as a boy, groomed horses when he became too heavy to ride, began training his own as a very young man, and after success in various towns of the North-West, came to Sydney to settle in 1915. In the interval he has trained horses for some of the most prominent supporters of the Turf, notably, the late Mr. John Brown, Sir Samuel Hordern, Messrs. J. J. Leahy, E. E. D. Clarke, J. E. Brien, and F. J. Smith. Among his best winners were Prince Charles, Sydney Cup; Ian Or, Sydney Cup; Richmond Main, Victoria Derby and Williamstown Cup; Baltic Sea, Breeders' Plate; Valiard, Newmarket Handicap; Cagou, Metropolitan; Master Cagou and Chantemerle, both winners of Tattersall's Cup; Furious, winner of the Victorian Derby, Leger, Oaks, Maribyrnong Plate and other important events; and Prince Cox, Australian Cup.

Mr. Marsden was a staunch supporter of the turf apart from his profession, for in addition to the horses of clients he usually had a big team racing under his own colours, and he spent extensively on the purchase of thoroughbred stock.

Consequently the Turf will be the poorer for his death in more ways than one. An extensive training establishment in Bowral Street, Kensington, which he owned, will be carried on by his brother, Mr. Phil. Marsden.

Mr. Frank Marsden had been a member of the Club since March, 1916.

A Popular Secretary.

Mr. John Grisdale, of the Newcastle Jockey Club, wasn't a member of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, but he was thoroughly well known to all racing supporters of the Club, and to the owners, trainers and officials who frequent the Club rooms. He is widely given credit for the success of the Newcastle Jockey Club. It was he who urged the old Club to procure its own quarters, resulting in the purchase of the site of the present up-to-date and commodious Broadmeadow course, just out of Newcastle. He built up the Club's meetings, and made of the Newcastle Cup fixture a meeting of the utmost importance, attracting some of the best performers in the State. With Mr. J. G. Cameron, Chairman, and a staunch committee behind him, his was an enterprising policy of progress from the time he took office, and the present position of the Club is a monument to his hard work, application, his business acumen and his tactful management. His geniality was known State-wide, and he ranked as one of the most popular and best known racing officials in Australia.

Many friends lamented his passing all too suddenly after a short illness.

A Veteran Owner.

Older members will remember Mr. Peter J. Fox, who had been a member of Tattersall's Club since March, 1918. In recent years, frequent long absence in other States and other parts of the world had separated him from his Sydney sporting friends.

He died in Western Australia some weeks ago.

Mr. Fox had 45 years' experience of racing and thoroughbreds, and he played many parts in the racing and sporting world. He was a shipper of thoroughbreds from England, and a keen study of breeding and racing at home enabled him to choose many useful racers and stallions for service in Australia. He raced horses in Queensland, N.S.W., and West Australia, but the one he will be best known in connection with in Sydney is Prince Cox, whom he purchased from the late Mr. John Brown. After winning two races, he passed him on at a substantial price to Sir Samuel Hordern and Mr. "Constable," and they won the Australian Cup.

Mr. Fox was an interesting authority on racing and breeding, and a shrewd judge of form, but withal quietly unostentatious, and he was always listened to with interest by older club members.

A Sudden End.

News of the death of Mr. Geo. Wride came as a shock to many Club members. He had been at settling during the morning, but at 3 o'clock the same day he was dead.

Mr. Wride was a staunch friend and good sportsman. He was one of the early Presidents of the Coogee Life Saving Club, and when the erection of a Club House was mooted, was a keen worker in the cause, one of the financial guarantors and a trustee when the structure was completed.

He was one of a syndicate, in fact, the organising spirit, which acquired the Coogee Bay Hotel, and later Roberts' Hotel in the City. At the time of his death he was Managing Director of the Grand Central Coffee Palace.

Mr. Wride was a keen follower of racing, and a staunch friend of many of the bookmaking members of Tattersall's.

A Trainer's Death.

Mr. E. H. Ball, who died whilst on a visit to Melbourne shortly after the Melbourne Cup meeting, was a newcomer to membership of the Club, but he was already widely known in his profession as trainer.

For many years a successful pony trainer, he joined the registered forces when the ban was lifted something over a year ago, and although so recently in the A.J.C. ranks, he had already begun to make his presence felt. Successes at Randwick with Greensea, and a second in the Epsom with Ticino, whom he had only acquired a few months, testified to his capacity as a good man with horses, and there was a successful career awaiting his registered ventures.

Many Club members could commend his sound judgment in the placing and backing of horses from his stable.



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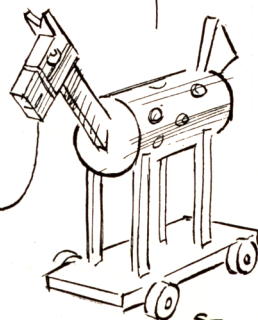
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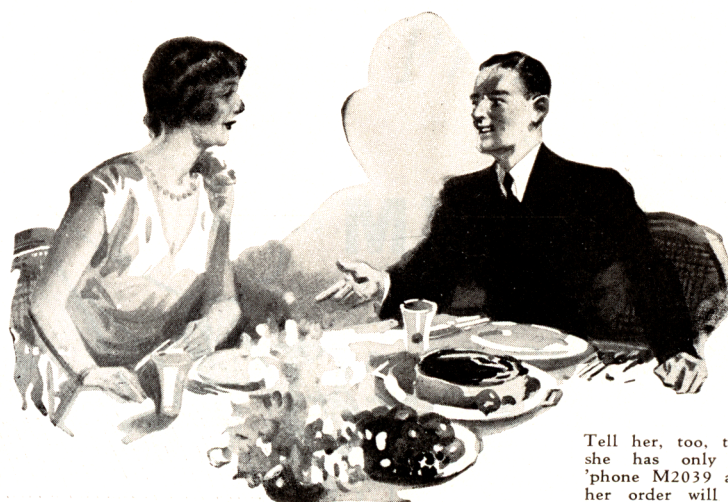
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Christmas racing at Randwick, in which Tattersall's Club figures to such a large extent with its Carrington and Tattersall's Cup fixtures, extending over two days, has introduced to racegoers many notable turf performers.

Perhaps the outstanding champion who began a winning career at Christmastide was Poitrel, who in 1917 won the Holiday Handicap and the two Cups. He went on to victory after victory, and crowned his career in a blaze of triumph with success in the Melbourne Cup with 10 stone.

The Fortune Hunter, Wedding Day, Blue Spec and Saxonite, who ultimately achieved success in Australia's greatest distance events, also gained their earlier experience in Christmas racing, and among the sprinters, those who began their more important victories at this season and ultimately reached the top of the tree in their class were Greenline, Balarang, Valicare and Pendant, a quartette of formidable speedsters who would be hard to better.

Cetigne won the 1917 Villiers Stakes with 9.4 as a five-year-old, and that performance presaged the better part of his career, for afterwards he went on to victory in the Newmarket with 9.0, and many weight-for-age races, his earnings finally aggregating over £27,000.

Ante-post wagering was in vogue on the Villiers in those days, and his owner, the late Mr. T. A. Stirton, enjoyed the luxury of getting 14 to 1 for some large amounts about his champion.

Another notable who won the Villiers was Rebus with his 9.10, but he was a Sydney Cup winner, and proved performer long before this 1918 victory. Wish Wynne won it in 1922 with 9.6. Weight doesn't stop good ones in the Villiers.

Away back in 1902 Blue Spec gained thirds in both the Summer and Tattersall's Cups. Race-goers of the time hardly realised that a notable stayer was setting out on a career that ended in big things, but one who saw the promise of these performances was Mr. P. A. Connolly, of W.A., and he bought the horse. Blue Spec developed, as expected, and won the Melbourne Cup of 1905. They called his owner Lucky Connolly, but that soubriquet hardly gives its owner credit for the shrewd choice he displayed in most of his turf transactions.

Another who developed from lowly beginnings at the Christmas racing was Saxonite. He was only good enough to gain third to Bawbee and Olive Green in the Summer Cup of 1911.

Less than five months after that performance he had gained a dead-heat for first in the Australian Cup with Prizefighter, and had won the Sydney Cup. The Summer Cup was hardly far enough for Saxonite with its 13 furlongs! He needed the 2¼ and 2 miles of these longer races to assert his real stamina.

The 1915 summer racing at headquarters saw the first glimpse of another great stayer's career when The Fortune Hunter gained a moderate third in the Summer Cup. A week later he won Tattersall's Cup. But next year he developed thoroughly and he and Wed-

ding Day began a notable sequence. She won the 1916 Villiers and he the Summer Cup. Four months later she won the Doncaster and he the Sydney Cup, thus completing two of the most important of Randwick's big betting doubles.

Both Tattersall's and the Summer Cup have been remarkable for dual victories of notable old battlers of the Turf.

Tibbie gained in 1927 and 1928, and Jeypore in 1930 and 1931 in Tattersall's Cup. King of the Forest gained

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his first Summer Cup in 1921, but had to wait two years to bring off his second victory in the same race. Donald scored in 1928 and 1929 in the Summer Cup.

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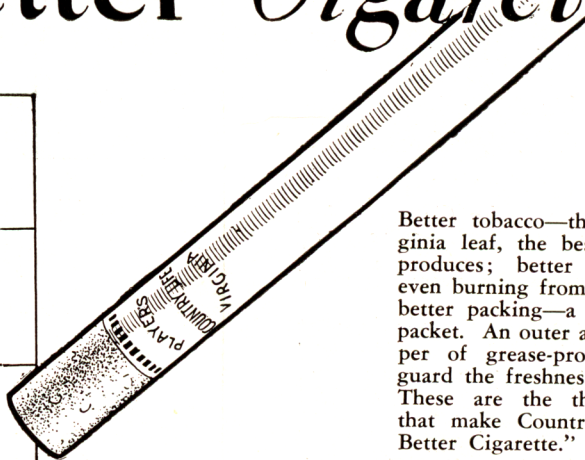
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Handicap of 1920, and then as suddenly faded out of the Turf limelight as she had come into it.

The other sequence winner came to stay. It was Poitrel. He was a maiden, but Randwick track men sent him out a 5 to 4 favourite for the Holiday Handicap, which he won comfortably on the first day of the Christmas Carnival. Chantermerele was slightly the better favourite for the Summer Cup, but Poitrel started second favourite at 3 to 1. Chantermerele won it in a jostling finish, but lost the race on protest to Poitrel.

Views of backers and books must have differed from the Steward's idea, for when it came to Tattersall's Cup a week later, Chantermerele was again the better favourite, starting at the almost prohibitive odds of 5 to 4.

This time F. Foley steered Poitrel clear of trouble, and the question of superiority was definitely settled. Poitrel won by a length, and Hitachi beat Chantermerele for second place.

It need hardly be added that Poitrel, owned by Mr. Fred Moses, who is still a member of Tattersall's, and trained by Harry Robinson, another popular frequenter of the Club, went on to the greatest weight-for-age triumphs a stayer can achieve, and was generally regarded as the best three mile horse Australia ever knew.

It might be difficult to say which was the better sprinter introduced at Christmas racing, Greenline or Valicare.

Greenline won his Newmarket ultimately, with 10.2. Valicare probably never would have handled such a burden, but a Doncaster with considerably over weight for age as a three-yea-old, and other notable weight-for-age victories against the best horses of her day—Windbag, Top Gallant, Amounis, and The Night Patrol to wit—stamped her as one of the swiftest mares of this century.

Greenline began his winning career during midsummer racing at Randwick, winning the nursery at the November meeting, and then the December Stakes, the rich two-year-old classic of Boxing Day.

As a four-year-old he was again at his best at this period of the year, and was only narrowly beaten with 10.6 in the Chisholm Handicap by Whitta. But, carrying 9.13, he turned the tables and won the Carrington Stakes of 1928. That is still the weight-carrying record for Tattersall's big sprint event.

As a three-year-old Valicare was unbeaten, and the third victory of her career during that season was in the Carrington Stakes.

Away back in 1902 another sprinter gained her first important victory of a sequence that led to great things when Pendant scored in the Carrington Stakes. She won it with 7.5 that year, but scored again the following year with 9.0 on her back.

Pendant went on to victory in the 1906 Newmarket with 9.7 up, and she also gained a second and third in the Futurity Stakes. Mr. Dick O'Connor, one of the veterans of his profession, and a member of long standing of Tattersall's Club, was Pendant's trainer.

It is interesting to note the remarkable difference in the development of speed that has marked the interval since Pendant won. She took 1.15 to run the six furlongs when she scored in 1902, and that she was a

great galloper subsequent events proved. Yet we find Pavilion winning the last Carrington in nearly 5 seconds faster time, 1.10 $\frac{1}{4}$! The improvement is indeed amazing.

Mr. Jack Samuel, another veteran member of the Club, introduced a noble sprinter to Christmas racegoers when he brought out Balarang on Summer Cup day, 1916. His sole victory prior to that occasion was in a Park Stakes at Hawkesbury. Balarang's mission on Cup day, 1916, was the 6 furlong Highweight. He won it by ten lengths in 1.12 $\frac{1}{4}$, and backers were so struck with his speed that they took 7 to 4 about him for the Carrington, and he won this by three lengths, reducing the time to 1.11 $\frac{3}{4}$. Thus he achieved fame as the first Australian racehorse to break 1.12 for 6 furlongs.

Balarang was a tremendously big horse and a huge, heavy body made him difficult to train, but while he was fit that summer he made hay, gaining third in the Oakleigh Plate and winning the Futurity Stakes with 9.5. It was a mighty Woorak who beat him in the Oakleigh Plate, but he turned the tables in the Futurity.

It is the fashion to decry current form, in dealing with the past. Perhaps we may not see a Poitrel out among the stayers in the coming Christmas racing, but the entries are not lacking in quality. Sprinters of Sydney have not been up to highest standard either, but old Greenline will be on hand to maintain the average. He is just coming into form again, and although he is now seven years of age and going downhill, he might delight the hearts of those who have set him up as an idol with yet another notable performance this Christmas.



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Wednesday evening usually sees Noel Ryan, Victor Besomo and a few other champions doing pace work under the eagle eye of Dudley Hellmrich, one of Sydney's most brilliant coaches, and their work is an eye-opener to members who happen to be in the Pool at that time.

Then, again, we have seen "Boy" Charlton, that massive bunch of splendid health and virile youth, putting in strong work under mentor Harry Hay in his attempt to show the world that he is even better than the Charlton of 1924 who took a fall out of Arne Borg in the 1500 metres championship, and who beat all but Zorilla in the 400 metres and all but Borg in the 1500 metres in 1928.

Then, of course, mention must be made of Bruce Hodgson, a son of one of our members, who put in the groundwork in the Pool that enabled him to startle swimdom with a 2.21 2/5 swim for 220 yards, one that put him well in the running for Olympic honours and which has only been beaten once in the history of swimming in Australia, by Noel Ryan, the wonder youth from Manly.

All these swimmers took part in the second carnival staged by the Swimming Club on October 21 and helped to make it a wonderful success.

On that night our Swimming Club contested its first inter-club match, and, though beaten, it was far from disgraced, for the team that won was Bondi, the State premiers, and behind Tattersall's was Manly, N.S.W. premiership runners-up.

It was a great night; the racing was first class, all styles of swimming were exhibited, and our members got a fair idea of what our champions could really do.

In the 100 yards Invitation Scratch Race the cream of N.S.W. sprinters was seen in action, and the result was a real surprise to many people, for Noel Ryan, known mainly as a stayer, trounced them all to win comfortably in record time, 56 3/5 secs., in his heat, and 57 secs. in the final.

Hans Robertson was Tattersall's candidate, but he was short of a gallop over the distance and could only fill third place in his heat to Arthur Besomo and Phil Hooper.

Tattersall's drew first blood in the interclub contest, when "Pete" Hunter won the diving in his first attempt in such a match. It was only a few weeks prior to the carnival that he started to practice, but under the tuition of Australia's diving champion, Clive Barrass,

he proved an apt pupil and gave our Club its only win of the evening.

But, all the same, Tattersall's was only a point astern of Bondi after Vic. Besomo had beaten our representative, Frank Carberry, in the back-stroke and after Alec Richards had swum third in the breast-stroke.

The deciding event was a thrilling relay race over 200 yards, five men aside, and featured a glorious attempt to turn the tables by Hans Robertson in the final two laps.

Hans was last to dive off, and had ahead of him champions in Bruce Hodgson (Bondi) and Charlton (Manly), but our champion made the pace a real cracker, beat Charlton, and was very little behind the Bondi man at the end. Had Tattersall's been able to field Charlie Stuart, who was unfortunately away in Newcastle on business, our Club team may have landed a win and the match.

For the first time a members' sons' handicap was staged over 60 yards, and that proved full of excitement. Sid Lorking and Cecil Deveridge were the heat winners, both showing better form than the handicapper rated them, the former actually doing better time than scratch man Bruce Hodgson.

In the final Deveridge was left badly, leaving Vic Richards and Sid Lorking to stage a thrilling finish for a dead heat.

After the carnival was over a supper concert was held in the clubroom, and once again proved a special treat. The visiting swimmers were ticked to death with the entertainment, the thrilling skating exhibition by the Rollos taking away the breath of at least "Boy" Charlton, who was heard to exclaim: "I'll stick to swimming!" when he got over his gasps.

The winners were presented with open orders, and the Bondi Club members were each handed a souvenir of their win in the interclub contest.

Detailed results of the carnival are as follow:—

40 yards Club Handicap: C. Goddard (27), 1; A. Richards (23), 2; J. Smithers (23), 3. Time: 26 secs.

60 yards Members' Sons' Handicap.—1st Heat: S. Lorking (36), 1; B. Hodgson (32), 2; W. Kendall (34), 3. Time, 34 4/5 secs. 2nd Heat: C. Deveridge (35), 1; V. Richards (34), 2; F. Wallace (38), 3. Time, 32 secs. Final: S. Lorking and V. Richards, 1; C. Deveridge, 3. Time, 34 4/5 secs. and 32 4/5 secs.

100 yards Invitation Scratch Race.—1st Heat: A. Besomo (Bondi), 1; P. Hooper (R. and C.), 2; H. Robertson (Tattersall's), 3. Time, 58 secs. 2nd Heat: N. Ryan (Manly), 1; B. Willson (Bondi), 2; C. Light (Sydney), 3. Time, 56 3/5 secs. Final: N. Ryan, 1; P. Hooper, 2; A. Besomo, 3. Time, 57 secs.

Interclub Contest (between Bondi, Manly, and Tattersall's Club):—

Diving.—K. Hunter (Tattersall's), 1; J. Kasch (Manly), 2; R. Mooney (Bondi), 3.

80 yards Backstroke.—V. Besomo (Bondi), 1; F. Carberry (Tattersall's), 2; M. Brogan (Manly), 3. Time, 57 secs.

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80 yards Breaststroke.—T. Gallecher (Bondi), 1; R. Drew (Manly), 2; A. Richards (Tatt's), 3. Time, 62 secs.

200 yards Teams' Relay Race.—Bondi (V. Besomo, B. Willson, R. Stevens, A. Besomo, B. Hodgson), 1; Tattersall's (N. Longworth, J. Smithers, K. Hunter, F. Carberry, H. Robertson), 2; Manly (N. Ryan, L. Crum, I. Coggins, A. Penfold, A. Charlton), 3. Time, 1 min. 42 secs.

Result of Contest.—Bondi, 10 points, 1; Tattersall's 8 points, 2; Manly, 6 points, 3.

Challenges for contests have been received by the Swimming Club from University and The Spit Clubs, and it is likely that the next carnival will be held in February, when the champions have returned from their Olympic trials in Melbourne.

Club Racing

Woodfield and Dexter Score

The Swimming Club's racing season opened on October 8, and the first race attracted a promising field of three heats.

The handicapper patted himself on the back when the final resulted in a tie between motor-man J. W. Searcy and C. H. Woodfield with that "do-or-die" splashers, King Garnsey, a close third.

That first half win by C. H. Woodfield proved the forerunner of further successes, for he won the first point score series of the season.

A welcome return to racing was that of Jack Gaden, who, after a few weeks' training, is now one of the back-markers, though 60 yards is proving a bit of a strain so far.

J. D. Wilkinson has yet to win a race, but he's a trier and his handy mark will win him a few yet, though luck has not been on his side. A third and a second in finals is the best he has done so far.

Hans Robertson has not been seen much, as he is sticking to training with Charlton at Manly, and had a success in the first open surf race of the season at Queenscliffe.

That great sticker, C. Goddard, is under the coaching of State champion Cecil Light, swims miles every day, and is back to his best form. King Garnsey and Jerry Creer eye him with envy every day in his marathon stunts and wish they had as much energy.

Stan Carroll has taken his lesson from the gallopers and does a preliminary before each race.

Don't be surprised if Town Clerk Roy Hendy starts in one of the two-lap dashes before very long. He has been clocked doing an extensive training course, and though he demands a long handicap he'll be a sure bet on a short one.

Pool fans are eagerly awaiting the appearance of Jim Brown in a club race, for it is rumoured that this smart swimmer is a rod in pickle for a short dash, and that he will make the back-markers sit up and take notice when he splashes over the course.

The second monthly point score series was taken out by club secretary Jack Dexter, who recorded two wins and a second in the series.

Goddard looked a certainty for that final, but he cut up in running and could only finish second.

Results of races held since the last issue of the magazine are:—

October-November Series.

40 Yards (October 8).—J. W. Searcy (34) and C.

H. Woodfield (28), 1; W. K. Garnsey (25), 3. Time, 31½ and 25½ secs.

40 Yards (October 15).—W. V. Armstrong (30), 1; S. Carroll (26); J. D. Wilkinson (33), 3; Time, 27 4/5 ses.

80 Yards Brace Relay (October 29).—K. Hunter and H. Robertson (43), 1; J. D. Wilkinson and J. Dexter (56), 2; J. Gaden and C. Goddard (50), 3. Time, 40 1/5 secs.

40 Yards (November 5).—J. Gaden (24), 1; C. H. Woodfield (27), 2; A. Richards (24), 3. Time, 21 4/5 secs.

Point Score Result.—C. H. Woodfield, 8½, 1; J. Gaden, 8, 2; V. Armstrong, K. Hunter and J. D. Wilkinson, 7, 3.

November-December Series.

60 Yards (November 12).—K. Hunter (36), 1; H. Robertson (32), 2; V. Armstrong (47), 3. Time, 34 3/5 secs.

80 Yards Brace Relay (November 19).—J. Dexter and C. Goddard (51), 1; W. K. Garnsey and V. Armstrong (54), 2; A. Richards and K. Hunter (44), 3. Time, 47 4/5 secs.

60 Yards (November 26).—A. Richards (37), 1; J. Dexter (39), 2; S. Carroll (42), 3. Time, 35 secs.

40 Yards (December 3).—J. Dexter (24), 1; C. Godhard (26), 2; A. Richards (22), 3. Time, 22 secs.

Point Score Result.—J. Dexter, 12, 1; C. Godhard and A. Richards, 9, 2; K. Hunter, 8, 4.

Dewar Cup.

The main contest of the year is that for the Dewar Cup, decided on points in all races throughout the season. Up to the end of the second monthly series the points stood as follow:—J. Dexter, 18; K. Hunter, 15; C. Godhard, 14; A. Richards, 14; V. Armstrong, 13; J. Gaden, 11; S. Carroll, 11; H. Robertson, 9; C. H. Woodfield, 8½; J. D. Wilkinson, 7; W. K. Garnsey, 7; J. W. Searcy, 4½; J. Smithers, 4; K. Wheeler, 2.

Christmas Scramble.

The usual Christmas festivities will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, in the Pool, when the popular 40-yards dash will take place with the prizes in the form of seasonal cheer. This is a great day for the Pool, and members should not fail to be present even if they do not race.

In addition to the 40-yards members' handicap there will be the popular Veterans' Scratch Race over one lap.



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Tattersall's Golf Club.

The enthusiasm of the members of the Golfing Section of the Club continues, and the attendances at the regular monthly outings have been remarkably good when the "state of the times" is taken into consideration.

The Pymble Golf Club's course was chosen to contest the second round of the "Henry E. Coleman" Bowl in September. The weather was propitious and the scoring excellent. As has been previously explained, this competition is conducted against par, and some "remarks" were passed relative to the ability of the handicappers when it was seen that the winner brought in a card of no less than 7 up.

Detailed results:—

Mr. W. C. Goodwin's Trophy for the best card of the day was won by Mr. G. L. Murray.

Mr. M. Polson's Trophy for the best card in the "A" Grade was won by Mr. H. E. Coleman (after tying with W. A. Cathor, F. V. Richards and W. E. Bain).

Mr. E. Vandenberg's Trophy for the best card in the "B" Grade was won by P. J. Schwarz.

G. L. Murray .. (22) 7 up	H. L. McDonald (22) 2 up
P. J. Schwarz .. (24) 6 "	W. A. McDonald (13) 2 "
G. Epstein .. (21) 5 "	H. H. McIntosh (16) 1 "
H. R. McLeod .. (16) 4 "	C. W. McLeod.. (11) 1 "
H. E. Coleman .. (15) 3 "	B. M. Riley... (7) 1 "
W. A. Cathor .. (14) 3 "	F. A. Comins .. (20) square
W. E. Bain .. (12) 3 "	F. H. Brown .. (20) "
F. V. Richards.. (14) 3 "	J. T. Hackett .. (20) "
W. A. Boyd... (22) 3 "	E. A. Nettlefold (24) "
W. Dittfort .. (24) 3 "	Y. E. Pittar... (20) "
T. A. Daly .. (15) 2 "	E. L. Betts..... (11) "
V. B. Audette .. (22) 2 "	

Thanks to the special arrangements made by Messrs. A. C. Berk, President, and V. B. Audette, Captain of the Oatlands Country Golf Club, members were enabled to enjoy an extra outing in October on the above-mentioned course. The function took the place of a Mixed Canadian Foursome Handicap, and again phenomenal scoring was the order of the day.

Detailed results:—

Messrs. S. E. Chatterton's and W. A. Boyd's Trophies for the best card of the day were won by Mrs. and Mr. C. A. Hutcherson. The Club Trophies for the runners-up were won by Miss E. Buckle and Mr. S. E. Chatterton after tying with Mrs. and Mr. A. Porter.	
C. Hutcherson and Mrs. Hutcherson.. ..	87 (29)—58
S. E. Chatterton and Miss Buckle .. .	80 (17)—63
A. Porter and Mrs. Porter .. .	83 (20)—63
W. S. Kay and Mrs. Raynor .. .	87 (23)—64
G. Capel and Mrs. Murray .. .	85 (19)—66
T. A. Daly and Mrs. Daly .. .	87 (20)—67
C. W. Lewis and Mrs. Nettlefold .. .	96 (29)—67
W. A. McDonald and Mrs. J. B. Dowling ..	80 (13)—67
T. G. Murray and Mrs. Capel .. .	95 (27)—68
E. A. Nettlefold and Mrs. Lewis .. .	99 (30)—69
G. J. Watson and Miss Donald .. .	82 (12)—70
B. A. Levy and Mrs. Kay .. .	96 (26)—70
A. Staveley and Mrs. Staveley .. .	100 (30)—70

The third round of the "Henry E. Coleman" Bowl was played on the Killara Club's Course on October 22nd. Good scoring was again in evidence, as will be seen from the list hereunder.

Detailed results:—

Mr. B. A. Levy's Trophy for the best card of the day was won by Mr. S. Walder.

Club Trophy for the best card in the "A" Grade, was won by Mr. J. B. Dowling (after tying with Messrs. E. L. Betts and R. B. Barmby).

Club Trophy for the best card in the "B" Grade was won by Mr. E. A. Nettlefold.

S. Walder .. . (24) 8 up	J. B. Dowling.. (11) 1 up
E. A. Nettlefold (24) 6 "	W. Dittfort .. (24) square
G. Epstein .. . (21) 3 "	G. J. Watson.. (15) 1 down
D. F. Stewart .. (22) 3 "	C. W. McLeod (11) 1 "
E. Vandenberg .. (24) 2 "	A. C. Genge .. (24) 1 "
D. S. McDougall (24) 1 "	H. E. Coleman (14) 1 "
J. A. Kenyon .. (21) 1 "	E. K. White .. (7) 2 "
W. C. Goodwin.. (19) 1 "	J. W. McPherson (24) 2 "
E. L. Betts... (11) 1 "	J. McLeod... (20) 2 "
R. B. Barmby .. (12) 1 "	V. B. Audette.. (22) 2 "

The Club's most popular event—the "A. C. Ingham" Cup—was played for during November, and on this occasion the New South Wales Club's course was chosen. Members were again favoured with glorious weather, and everyone present went home wondering why anybody ever thought of the word "depression."

Detailed results:—

The "A. C. Ingham" Cup was won by Mr. R. W. Plasto.

Mr. T. G. Murray's Trophy for the best card in the "A" Grade was won by Mr. D. B. Loudon.



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Mr. W. A. McDonald's Trophy for the best card in the "B" Grade was won by Mr. M. Polson.

Mr. A. C. Berk's Trophy for the best scratch score was won by Mr. C. M. Glynn.

R. W. Plasto	77 (13)—64
M. Polson	88 (21)—67
E. A. Nettlefold	90 (21)—69
E. Vandenberg	93 (23)—70
K. A. Bennett	94 (24)—70
D. B. Loudon	84 (13)—71
C. E. Brown	96 (24)—72
R. Barwell	90 (18)—72

C. R. Parsons	93 (20)—73
J. McLeod	92 (18)—74
N. Stirling	88 (14)—74
W. A. Cathro	88 (14)—74
Y. E. Pittar	95 (20)—75
E. J. Tait	95 (20)—75
Fred White	96 (21)—75
P. J. Schwarz	96 (20)—76
A. H. Hattersley	90 (14)—76
V. B. Audette	99 (22)—77
A. C. Berk	101 (24)—77
W. R. Bailey	90 (13)—77
J. L. Normoyle	86 (9)—77
C. M. Glynn	85 (8)—77

Billiards

(By E.A.B.)

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I think it was Artemus Ward who humorously defined billiards as a game in which two men walked around a table, one saying "damn" and the other "hard luck." Of course, like most all similar witty remarks, this was a gross exaggeration as applied to all players, but it is thought that there is quite enough truth in it to cause the expression to be repeated mostly by those who do not play billiards, just as the man who has yet to make a round of the links will tell you that golf is a game where you hit a little ball with a big stick and then go and look for it.

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The competition between members of Tattersall's, Royal Auto, Commercial Travellers', Masonic and N.S.W. Sports Clubs has been enjoying a highly successful run since initiation some weeks back. Interest exhibited in the monthly meetings has been most keen, large numbers of members of the various clubs being present to witness the clash in friendly rivalry at billiards, snooker, bridge, and dominoes. On the 20th November Tattersall's Club met the N.S.W. Sports Club in the latter's rooms in Hunter Street, and it was a night of victory for this Club in all four departments mentioned. At billiards, in games of 200 up, G. J. Watson (T.) beat W. L. Brown (S.) by 19; C. E. Young (T.) beat J. C. Rogalsky (S.) by 77, and N. Starfield (S.) beat R. H. Alderson (T.) by 71. At snooker, aggregate points in two games each, R. G. Clapp (T.) beat A. Proban (S.) by 114 to 77; A. Gillespie (T.) beat A. E. Davis (S.) by 114 to 93, and A. P. Gandon (S.) beat T. E. Ferguson (T.) by 124 to 83. Subsequently mine host, F. G. Underwood, entertained all present and aided generally to the passing of an extremely pleasant and most enjoyable evening.

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Consolation Tournaments.

The Club is just now in the throes of a big battle in its endeavours to bring about a very deserving success

to the consolation handicaps, A and B grades, in billiards and snooker now in course of play. The Melbourne Cup fixture had an unfavourable influence over play during a couple of weeks, and now that members have returned from the South it is possible that all interested may buck up and assist in bringing about the desired success. Twenty-eight faced the barrier in the billiards, A Grade "Rose Bay" occupying the position of honour, 160 behind scratch, with J. Taylor on the limit at 80, in games of 250 up. Already a number of these have fallen by the wayside, while others await the pruning knife. Twenty-six started in the B Grade, and of the three scratch men—Messrs. Wood, Portus and Wilkinson—the two former managed, so far, to keep their feet, but friend Wilkinson missed. "Pocket," out on the limit of 80, stands down until next year; others still standing up will proceed with the good work. At snooker, A Grade, with 31 runners, the post of honour is with the genial Hans Robertson, who owes 7, and he looks fit enough to carry that weight. C. L. Dease is on the limit at 40. If he plays up to form, Lou Tasker should give the first prize a good shake from the 35 mark. In the B Grade of 31 at the barrier, A. Gillespie is scratch, but "Pocket" on the limit at 40 is out. "Harry the Silent," or rather Harry England, is treated well in both billiards and snooker, and should be hard to beat.

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The "Evening Standard," of February 10th, published what is said to be a true story of the Australian marvel, Walter Lindrum. While compiling one of his four-figure breaks Walter noticed that Tommy Newman was having a quiet nap, and he woke him up saying: "Mr. Newman, you cannot be very much interested in my billiards when you go to sleep. Mind you don't snore and wake the gentleman sitting next to you."

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Women and Billiards.

Now that women have invaded almost every branch in man's domain of sport, and in many instances are proving themselves equal to the task, there is not one of these branches in which a better opportunity is afforded them to display grace and charm than by their presence in competitions on the board of green. In the Western Suburbs a ladies' club has been formed with Miss Daisy Eddy, amateur lady champion of Australia, as honorary coach, and the gauntlet has already been



thrown down to "mere man" in that district. At present, England being first in the field is ahead of us in the women's division. Several fine players have been unearthed, one in particular—Miss Margaret Lennon—standing well out on her own. Playing in the Central Billiards Hall, Glossop, Derbyshire, on 3rd February last, this lady made a fine run of 176, and again in September last she made another grand effort of 194 in the Central Billiards Club, Northgate.

A few hints to players whose stance at the table is unsteady and also uncomfortable may not be considered out of season. The formation of a solid and steady "bridge" and steadiness in all parts should be carefully studied. The ideal stance at the table is dependent upon the back leg (the right leg for a right-handed player and the left leg for a left-handed player) being kept straight and taut, and bearing the weight of the body. It is facsimile of the old stand-at-ease position given as a rest between drills on the barrack square. The right leg is thrown back with the foot placed at right angles from the body, and the left leg set in advance and comfortably bent at the knee. The feet are securely planted at about nine inches to a foot apart, according to the height and weight of the player. It is a position which will require some getting accustomed to after a long spell of both knees bent or forward pitch; that is, the weight of the body thrown on the front leg stance. The leg muscles can, however, be steadily trained to the pose.

"A" Grade Billiard Tournament.

Result of First Round.

A. C. Boyle (75) beat R. E. Chamberlain (70) by forfeit; J. L. Normoyle (70) beat "Kinniel" (15) by 13. M. J. Buchanan (55) beat E. S. Pointing (65) by forfeit; C. L. Dease (65) beat R. W. Plasto (55) by forfeit; J. Kelso (75) beat F. B. Plasto (55) by 99; H. J. Robertson (15) beat J. Taylor (80) by 65; "Oral" (owes 65) beat G. Epstein (65) by forfeit; "G.J.W." (50) beat J. H. Sears (45) by forfeit.

"B" Grade Billiard Tournament.

Result of First Round.

R. G. Clapp (20) beat J. P. Headland (20) by 81; R. B. Barmby (30) beat C. Inglis (75) by forfeit; Guy Crick (20) beat J. D. Wilkinson (scratch) by 24. C. E. Hall (45) beat E. Moore (50) by 116; J. B. Davis (20) beat F. D. McTague (10) by forfeit; D. Lake (45) beat "Moorefield" (75) by forfeit; H. England (40) beat J. W. Plaskitt (60) by 86; T. E. Ferguson (35) beat P. Eldridge (50) by forfeit; "J.D.P." (30) beat M. P. Davis (20) by forfeit.

"A" Grade Snooker Tournament.

Result of First Round.

G. Chiene (28) beat J. B. Davis (35) by forfeit; H. J. Robertson (owes 7) beat M. J. Buchanan (21) by 61; Guy Crick (35) beat "Wellwood" (14) by forfeit; W. Forsyth (28) beat C. E. Young (scratch) by 21; C. E. Hall (35) beat J. H. Sears (35) by forfeit; J. P. Headland (32) beat W. R. Bailey (35) by 32; "Rose Bay" (scratch) beat L. Tasker (35) by forfeit; J. L. Normoyle (15) beat M. P. Davis (35) by forfeit.

"B" Grade Snooker Tournament.

O. A. Jones (6) beat P. Drummond (2) by 13; J.

Kelso (6) beat L. R. Harrison (16) by 16; A. P. Gandon (2) beat H. C. Bartley (6) by 26; J. D. Wilkinson (2) beat P. Eldridge (2) by forfeit; W. Scott (2) beat J. H. Abbs (2) by 32; A. C. Boyle (4) beat "Moorefield" (9) by forfeit; E. Moore (16) beat "Packet" (40) by 51.

INTER-CLUB GAMES

At a meeting of the Inter-Club Games' Council, held at Tattersall's Club on Friday, 4th December, 1931, it was decided that the Australian Motor Yacht Squadron be cordially invited to take part in the competition as from the 10th February, 1932.

Mr. David Craig's offer to present a trophy for competition was gratefully accepted, and it was decided that the conditions under which Mr. Craig's trophy would be competed for would be on a point score basis as heretofore, the club with the highest aggregate of competition points for two consecutive years or three years in all to become the possessors of the trophy.

A replica of the "Craig" Trophy, or other suitable trophy, will be presented each year to the winning Club team.

During the first year, 1932, Mr. Craig's trophy will be held from month to month by the club leading in the point score.

Mr. Robert Walder has donated a trophy which will be presented to the winning team for the current year, and the presentation will take place at a smoke concert to be held at Tattersall's Club on the 21st January, 1932, when the members of all clubs that have taken part in the competition will be most welcome.

The Council decided to alter the conditions of games, and the amended conditions, which will operate from the 10th February, 1932, are:—

Bridge.—Four rubbers each pair, to be decided upon points.

Dominoes.—Three games each of 150 up.

Billiards.—Three games each of 200 up.

Snooker.—Three games (best aggregate score for two games).

The following competition fixtures were agreed upon:

Competition Fixtures.

Wednesday, February 10th, 1932.—Royal Automobile Club v. Commercial Travellers' Assn., Masonic Club v. Tattersall's, Australian Motor Yacht Squadron v. Sports Club.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1932.—Commercial Travellers' Assn. v. Masonic Club, Sports Club v. Royal Automobile Club, Tattersall's v. Australian Motor Yacht Squadron.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1932.—Commercial Travellers' Assn. v. Sports Club, Royal Automobile Club v. Tattersall's, Australian Motor Yacht Squadron v. Masonic Club.

Wednesday, May 11th, 1932.—Tattersall's v. Sports Club, Masonic Club v. Royal Automobile Club, Commercial Travellers' Assn. v. Australian Motor Yacht Squadron.

Wednesday, June 8th, 1932.—Tattersall's v. Commercial Travellers' Assn., Sports Club v. Masonic Club, Australian Motor Yacht Squadron v. Royal Automobile Club.

Host in each case will be the Club first mentioned.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB

SYDNEY



ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Randwick Racecourse

FIRST DAY:

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1931

PRINCIPAL EVENT:

THE CARRINGTON STAKES

SECOND DAY:

FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1932

PRINCIPAL EVENT:

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP

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